

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A web-based supply chain system for improving business productivity, said system comprising:

a server configured with a database of business information, said server further configured with a plurality of user interfaces associated with at least one business transactional ~~applications~~ application, said server further configured for allowing a user to access and retrieve said at least one business transactional ~~applications~~ application, said at least one business transactional application including a web page configured to provide access for a plurality of users internal to a business entity and to users external to the business entity to access data ~~concerning non-conformances~~ wherein the data comprises at least one non-conformance that ~~occurs~~ occurs during at least one of an assembly and test stage and a component manufacturing stage of a supply chain process;

at least one computer; and

a network coupling said at least one computer to said server.

2. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said business information database includes information relevant to a plurality of supply chain processes, said server further configured to store and download data relevant to at least one of the supply chain processes.

3. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said supply chain processes include at least one of demand planning, planning and scheduling, configuration management, order management, procurement, component manufacturing, assembly and test, logistics, and billing and collection.

4. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said server further configured to allow a user to:

set and input inventory requirements; and

monitor a suppliers availability to ship inventory.

5. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said server further configured to:

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